

Minutes of Haresfield Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on Monday November 4th 2019

Present: Councillors Charlotte Tilsley (chair), Fiona Bevan, Jenny Knight, Sue Thorpe, Nikki Stoneman, Maxine Bailey; County Councillor Stephen Davies

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Apologies: District Councillor Dave Mossman

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

County Councillors Report: County Councillor Stephen Davies, in the absence of Councillor Dave Mossman, delivered the following report covering District and County Council matters: The most recent full council meeting saw nothing controversial. There has been compulsory purchase of land required to complete the canal at Frampton-on-Severn, a new management team at the council includes Brendan Clear as Director of Place. The dog wardens have been recognised with an award from the RSPCA, and Ofsted is due to conduct a 4th visit to the Children and families service.

Chief Executive of SDC, Kathy O’Leary has issued a briefing note on the council’s plans for Brexit, and the most up-to-date information can be found on the Council’s website at:

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/business/support-for-business>

Ash trees: Following the advice regarding Ash tree die back, the PC will commission an inspection of Langet Covert to determine the extent of the work required there. The Woodland Trust, from whom the parish council leases the covert, has been contacted for advice and we await a reply.

The Cotswold Wardens have advised us of trees available to replace dead or dying ash, currently four per parish. We have put in a request for several of these – any member of the public who has knowledge of any ash trees to be asked to contact the PC to advise locations, as there will be a further offer in the New Year. All replacement trees will be native species.

Village maintenance: Councillors discussed asking the community payback team; who have been busy in and around the village already; to clear the path on the Court side of the railway crossing. Enquiries are to be made regarding covering the path with shingle.

Dog issues: Councillors discussed purchasing signage to remind people to pick up after their dogs, matter to be carried forward. Congratulations to be sent to the SDC dog wardens on their RSPCA award.

Village Hall / village activities: Wifi is now available to hall users courtesy of Gigaclear. Details posted on the village hall noticeboard in the hall. The village coffee morning & box opening was very successful in raising funds for the Childrens Society and the village hall. Suggestions for future activities include a Christmas Film evening and exercise classes. A small bonfire will be lit at 4pm on Sunday 24th November at which hot drinks, squash and hotdogs will be sold from the cricket club.

Incinerator / CLG: Clerk attended the recent Community Liaison Group meeting at which it was confirmed that the hot commissioning stage was complete and the plant now fully commissioned. One group member reported observing a lorry enter the site with paper recycling logos displayed. Stacey Wright the site manager advised that lorries may not always be carrying what is displayed. If anyone has any concerns, to note the day, time and number plate of the vehicle and report it via the clerk or to him directly on 07713367868.

Applicants are awaiting notification of their grant status; the letters are currently with the board of UBB. It has been noted that this procedure is very lengthy and this comment will be passed on to the CLG.

Footpaths/grit bins/winter planning: Winter planning is underway with a recent survey of grit bins submitted to SDC and supplies of grit and salt ordered - to be delivered to our snow warden Steve Coates.

Merryfield: Trustees are to be invited to consider adopting an initiative called 'Happy to Chat'. SDC are going to install benches at Stratford Park in the coming weeks which will be dedicated as 'Happy to Chat' benches. The idea behind this is to place signage on benches to invite a person to meet and talk to anyone who wants to join them, help tackle social isolation and improve mental health within the community, be it among younger or older people.

Highways, traffic and parking: The PC is currently investigating options that may potentially alleviate the ongoing parking issues. Mrs Bacon, the headteacher of the primary school, will again remind parents not to park on the white 'H' markings. Our dedicated PCSO is to be approached to support this enforcement.

Road closures: The huge issues with Mount Lane and particularly the junction with the B4008 have been the subject of meetings involving Charlotte Tilsley, Stephen Davies and Dan Tiffney of Highways. Dan is in negotiations with St Modwen about who will pay for road repairs and resurfacing at the junction. A full survey will be undertaken with the likelihood that the foundations will need to be redone before resurfacing properly.

We have not yet been notified of a new date for the proposed Closure – 'TTRO 2962 Lane to Upper Green Farm, Haresfield' which was scheduled and postponed.

Notification has been received of road closures for road races next year and these will be advertised nearer the race dates.

For up to date information on the local road network please follow this link: <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roadworks>. The road works webpage also has links to other Highways pages including the Major Projects schemes.

Langet Covert: A dead tree has been removed from the top of the covert, as it was a danger should it have fallen across the road.

Land at East Qued business park/St. Modwen site: St. Modwen is to be approached regarding the signage immediately outside of the site and requests for tree screening adjacent to the roadside.

Highways: Daniel Tiffney, GCC highways has been approached regarding ongoing issues with Highways, however the most pressing issues are regarding flood prevention and these will take precedence with the overstretched budget.

Any other business: Neil and the team of Cotswold Wardens have been thanked for the installation of a new stile at Teekles Court. The team also recently checked all the paths radiating from the church, cleared some stiles and installed a few new waymarkers so those paths should now be easier to navigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.37pm

Date of next meeting: Monday November 25th 2019. No meeting in December.